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SUMMARY: CONSULATE LUANDA LOCAL EMPLOYEE REPORTS SITUATION IN LUANDA IS CLAMER THAN AT ANY TIME IN LAST YEAR, BUT THAT FOOD IS IN SHORT SUPPLY AND TRAVEL RISKY. CITY IS FULL OF CUBANS AND SOVIET-BLOC VESSELS ARE UNLOADING LARGE QUANTITIES OF MILITARY SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. GROUP OF CUBANS HAS INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSULATE LUANDA LOCAL EMPLOYEE JULIO CORREA ARRIVED LISBON JAN 9 (REFA). DURING DEBRIEFINGS HE MADE FOLLOWING FOINTS:

2. CONDITIONS IN LUANDA: LUANDA IS CALMER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME IN PAST YEAR. PUBLIC UTILITIES SUCH AS ESECTRICITY, WATER, AND SANTITATION SERVICES ARE OPERATING NORMALLY. ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FOOD, HOWEVER, HAS PRODUCED EXORBITANT PRICES AND THRIVING BLACK MARKET. DESPITE EFFORTS BY MPLA TO REESTABLISH PUBLIC ORDER, ANRMED ROBBERY AND ASSULAT BY GROUPS LOOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MOVEMENT ARE COMMON; TRAVEL WITHIN LUANDA OR IN AREAS UNDER MPLA CONTAOL IS RISKY.

3. MILITARY ACTIVITIES: LUANDA IS FUL OF CUBANS EITHER OR WAY TO FRONT OR ON LEAVE. CORREA HAS HEARD STORIES OF FRICTION BETWEEN MPLA TROOPS AND BETTER FED AND PAID CUBAN ALLIES. CONSULATE EMPLOYEE LIVING NEAR LUANDA DOCKS HAS WATCHED STEADY PARADE OF SOVIET-BLOC VESSELS UNLOAD MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING TANKS AND ASSORTED MILITARY VEHICLES. CORREA COULD NOT ESTIMATE NUMBERS INVOLVED. SAME EMPLOYEE HAS SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED, BUT CORREA SAYS RUMORS ABOUND THAT RUSSIANS HAVE PROVIDED MPLA WITH MIG AIRCRAFT. CONSULATE EMPLOYEES HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE TO SUB-STANTIATE REPORTS OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS IN LUANDA.

3. AMERICANS IN ANGOLA: PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR LISBON, CORREA WAS TOLD BY MPLA SOURCE THAT THIRTY-THREE AMCITS REMAINED IN ANGOLA. CORREA BELIEVES AT LEAST SOME OF THESE LEFT COUNTRY WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH IMMIGRATION.

4. CONSULATE AFFAIRS: CORREA SAID NEITHER CONSULATE NOR LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR HARRASSMENT BY MPLA OR LUANDA POPULATION. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, CONSULATE MAIL WAS NOT BEING TAMPERED WITH. HE BELIEVED UNCLASSIFIED POUCHES REPORTED REF (B) REMAINED IN MPLA HANDS.

5. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE, JAN 13, CORREA WAS INFORMED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEE THAT GROUP OF CUBANS HAD VISITED FORMER RESIDENCE OF CONSUL GENERAL JAN 12 AND ASKED IF HOUSE WAS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED. CONSULATE LOCAL EMPLOYEES

EXPLAINED BUILDING'S STATUS AND CUBANS DEPARTED WITHOUT
INCIDENT. LOCAL EMPLOYEES HAVE SINCE REMOVED VALUABLE RESIDENCE
FURNISHINGS TO MORE SECURE LOCATION.
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